

Hanover Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Hanover Parks and Recreation Building
March 9, 2020

Minutes

Pattie Bland, President, called this special BOD meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., and confirmed a quorum. The Meeting was called specifically to discuss and vote on the request by Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, for the HMGA to contribute up to \$500 to provide food at the March 19, 2020, member-led "Project Fair" meeting. Pattie opened the discussion stating that we should provide the funds. She stated we would be honoring the trainees, building capacity, and hopefully getting more involvement in projects. Julie Givler agreed with Pattie, adding that having food at the meeting would be a plus and would encourage people to mingle. Bill Fleming stated that, regarding Pattie's comment on building capacity, there is no mention at any HGS Program of how to become a MG, and the information should be included with every presentation. The suggestion was well-received.

Lisa Willis stated that the whole thing would set a bad precedent. She stated that "nibbles" at the meeting would be great, but we could get the same results without spending \$500. She suggested that the HMGA provide the main dish and the MGs provide the sides, as done at the General Membership meetings. Lisa stated that, besides the presenters and the trainees, the audience is small as reflected in the last "Project Fair." She recommended a project presentation at the end of each regular meeting. Laura Maxey-Nay stated that the "Project Fair" is for both trainees and MGs, and providing food is an incentive to encourage attendance. Jane White asked if anyone is encouraging participation by members who are less active. Betty Jane Hughes stated that she liked the idea of a meeting but objected to taking money away from the community. Pat Reyes stated that, until a couple years ago, the HMGA handled the funds for the training classes and all expenses were covered in the price paid by the trainees. When Extension took over the training classes, the first year, they asked for funds for unexpected expenses. The BOD was told that the HMGA would not be asked for any money for future training classes. However, Extension continues to ask for funds from HMGA to support the training classes. Several BOD members did recall that pledge.

Val stated that there is nothing in the by-laws about how HMGA funds are to be spent. She suggested funds should be included in the yearly budget for a "Project Fair." Bill stated that the expense should be considered a "cost of doing business." A discussion ensued about including additional line items and/or categories in the budget. Pattie suggested forming a financial sub-committee to build in more detail of costs associated with our administrative activities and educational outreach. Bill stated that is called "activity cost-basing." Val suggested that the Board approve the funds for this year and evaluate the results after the "Project Fair."

Laura stated that Extension was prepared to provide funds if they were not forthcoming from the HMGA. She offered to pay \$250. Lisa stated that we should take the offer. Pattie made a motion that the HMGA provide \$250 for the "Project Fair." The motion was seconded. In the middle of voting on the motion, Laura stated that if Extension provided funds, only approved vendors could be used. The motion was withdrawn after a lengthy discussion of the obstacles those restriction would cause. A motion for the HMGA to provide up to \$500 for the "Project Fair" was made, seconded, and approved.

A motion to reimburse funds spent to provide table decorations at the February VMGA meeting was made, seconded, discussed, and approved.

Pattie reminded the Board that the next Board of Directors meeting will be on March 16. The March 9, 2020, special meeting of the HMGA Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Present: Pattie Bland, Pat Reyes, Wayne Bryant, Doris Gullotta, Linda Hazelwood, Betty Jane Hughes, Lisa Willis, Julie Givler, Jane White, Bill Fleming, Val Kish, and Laura Maxey-Nay. The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bryant
Secretary